

SUMMARY

HA-1607

Log House off Ady Road

This log house has a 2 room down, 2 up plan and appears to have been built with many machine sawn elements. It faces certain demolition, either through deliberate action or continued deterioration.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Log House off Ady Road

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Ady Road (opposite Doyle Road)

CITY, TOWN

Street

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER abandoned**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Wayne and Jeanne Larsen

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3219 Lucky Drive

CITY, TOWN

Street

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21154**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 1052

Folio #: 302

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
Maryland 21014**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

HA-1607

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☒ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This abandoned 1-1/2 story log bank house is in a secluded wooded area located 1/4 mile west of Ady Road (Md. Rte. 543) opposite the intersection of Rte. 543 and Doyle Road. The house faces North, directly into the rising hillside on which it is built.

The house is 3 bays wide by 2 deep and measures 22'5" by 18'6" respectively. It is constructed of hewn logs, V-notched at the corners, and chinked with mud and odd sizes of wood. The logs are covered with vertically sawn vertical boards, fastened with wire nails. There is a gable roof, covered with slate shingles, with the roof running east-west. There is no cornice, and the exposed rafter ends are finished with plain cut. The house sits on a rubble foundation, fabricated with relatively small and flat stones, and larger squared quoins. The walls are 17" thick, and there is a full basement. At the north elevation, first floor level, there is a central door flanked on either side by a window, with two corresponding windows on the second floor level. The west side contains one window at basement level in the south bay, one window (north bay) at first floor level, and two windows at second floor level, plus a small attic level window. The south elevation has an unusual door-window-door arrangement at the basement level where it opens at grade, and two windows asymmetrically placed at first floor level. The east side is blind except for a small casement window lighting the basement in the north bay. A shed roof was attached at the south side to shelter the basement openings, and this had metal roofing material. All doors and window sashes were missing at the time of examination.

This house has a two room over two floor plan, with a center enclosed stairway, which acts as a longitudinal partition at first and second floor levels.

In the basement, there is evidence that indicates there may also have been a longitudinal partition. The basement reveals whitewashed puncheons supporting two different periods of machine cut plank floors. In the west wall, there is a window measuring 32" wide X 46" high. This has a slate sill in a south elevation, the door in the west bay measures 33" wide, while the door in the east bay is 51" wide and includes a slate threshold. Exit from the basement is by an enclosed winding stairway in the northeast corner. This is concealed at first floor level by a large trap door measuring 2'4" X 6'8".

the first floor parlors measure 8'3" X 17'6" and have 7' ceilings. The walls and ceilings of hair lime plaster held by machine sawn lathes attached with wire nails. Regularly sized floor boards are also machine sawn. Cut nails were observed in the north (front) door jamb. It is possible that the ceiling was raised, since old joist pockets are visible in the log lall 1' below the present ceiling.

The second floor reflects the basic division of the first floor with the following exceptions. The open hall space created at the head of the stairs is unlike the small room or at the base of the stairs. The latter is due to the fact that both first floor parlors had doors at their entry ways. The east side is partitioned bilaterally to create two small rooms. The west side remains as one open sapce, and like first floor level, there is a stove tap into the chimney flue. The ceiling is trapezoidal. Entry to the attic is at the west end under the ridge.

See Description Continuation Sheet #1

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
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| REHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Archival research suggests that this house might have been built by the Heaps family. It appears on the 1878 Martenet Map, but not on the earlier 1858 map of Harford County.

Architecturally, the house is unusual for its 2 rooms up 2 down plan with a central staircase, a type not often found in Harford's Log Houses. Also intriguing is the pair of entrances on the low side of the foundation.

In other ways, this log house has much in common with other Harford structures. It's small overall size, use of available natural materials (wood and stone) and the bank house solution to building on the side of a hill relate it to other such structures scattered throughout the shapes of the county.

This house faces demolition, either through natural reclamation or at the hands of man. Its location in an area being converted to 10 acre residential tracts underscores the fate of many 19th century structures in the county. When it disappears, another visual document of the last century will be lost too.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Phillip R. Lord, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

April, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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DESCRIPTION CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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Earlier joists spaced 24" on center were seen to have been cut, in order to accomodate a raising of the roof. The roof is supported by circular sawn 4" X 4" mitred at the ridge without a ridgeboard. Spacing of the roof trusses was uneven.

No distinctive mouldings or trim remain in this house, which is in the advanced stages of deterioration.

Nearby, approximately 1/4 mile to the north west is the stone foundation of a large bank barn.

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Title Search

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| 1. HDC 1052/302 | Dec. 23, 1977 | Grantor: John J. and Laura Wright Grantee: Wayne and Jeanne Larsen Acreage: 10.01 A. |
| 2. HDC 873/747 | May 28, 1971 | Grantor: Louise Odegard, widow, of Knox County, Tenn. Grantee: John and Laura Wright Acreage: 175 A. Sum: \$3,120.00 From WSF 99/475, DGW 211/411, SWC 241/265 except outconveyance GRG 597/91 - Louise Odegard sells 124 acres to William and Elsie Harding June 26, 1962 - William Heaps left Louise Odegard, his only heir, all his lands. |
| 3. 638/159 | Nov. 22, 1963 | Grantor: Zero Inc. Grantee: Louise Odegard |
| 638/157 | Nov. 22, 1963 | Grantor: Louise Odegard Grantee: Zero, Inc. |
| WSF 99/475 | April 17, 1900 | Grantor: J. Martin McNabb, trustee Grantee: William C. Heaps Sale arising from Equity case decision of Jan. 20, 1900, George and Irene Andrews vs. J. Thomas Heaps tract composed of 3 parcels from the following deeds: ALJ 1/322, ALJ 5/319, WG 10/394 |
| ALJ/1/322 | June 19, 1852 | Grantor: John and Martha Heaps Grantee: William A. Heaps Acreage: 112 acres of tract "Mt. Pleasant" Sum: \$1,000. Being all the land purchased by John Heaps, bought of Henry Farnandis, trustee, and formerly owned and occupied by Joseph Prigg and wife. |
| ALJ/ 5/319 | Feb. 23, 1855 | Grantor: Thomas and Susan Morgan Grantee: William A. Heaps Part of tract "ups and Downs" Acreage: 7 a. 3 roads Sum: \$77.75 |
| WG 10/394 | March 14, 1859 | Grantor: George and Mary Deaver Grantee: William A. Heaps Acreage: 2 parcels - totaling about 17 acres Sum: \$275.00 |

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| 5. DGW 211/411 | March 20, 1929 | Grantor: Catherine Folker, Widow Grantee: Einar and Louise Odegard 46 acres of tract "Sias' Range" and "Addition to Sias' Range". |
| DGW 206/295 | Nov. 28, 1927 | Grantor: John Robinson, trustee Grantee: Catherine Folker, Widow Public Sale arising out of decision in equity case Catherine Folker complainant vs. Mary and William Kelly. Charles Folker died without a will |
| JAR 132/308 | Feb. 11, 1911 | Grantor: M. Nelson and Rita Allen Grantee: Charles E. Folker Acreage: 46 A. Sum: \$2,900. from WSF 102/486 (11 A) and WSF 113/175 (35 A.) |
| WSF 102/486 | Dec. 17, 1901 | Grantor: Charles and Sarah Allen Grantee: A. Howard Nelson Allen Acreage: 11 A. Sum: \$400. "The said right of way extends southerly to the public road leading from John W. Galbreaths' to Highland station in front of the dwelling of said Charles Allen, and also runs between the said dwelling house and said northerly line." Being the same as ALJ 69/334 - Oct. 1890 Grantor: John W. and Lizzie M. Galbreath Grantee: Daniel Scott and Charles Allen 42 acres, 3 roads, 3 sq. perches Sum \$1,719.85 part of the lands owned by Henry W. Johns, Dec., part of land described in ALJ 61/205 |
| ALJ 61/305 | March 1, 1888 | Grantor: Elizabeth and B. Scott Amos and Mariel J. Johns Grantee: John W. Galbreath Acreage: 41 A. Sum: \$5,300. Part of tracts "Sais' Range", "Addition to Sias' Range", "Brices Purchase", "Brices' Purchase corrected" "Ups and Downs". |

See Title Search Continuation Sheet #2

TITLE SEARCH CONTINUATION SHEET #2

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| ALJ 54/322 | July 31, 1885 | Grantor: Mariel J. Johns, Robert Mary Morgan Grantee: Drucilla Streett Acreage: 41 A. Sum: \$1,000 Lot #3 of Henry John's Lands |
| WSF 113/175 | Nov. 9, 1903 | Grantor: Mary Morgan, Eliza H. and B. Scott Amos Grantee: M. Nelson Allen Acreage: 35 A. Sum: \$1,100 |
| from ALJ 52/316 | April 16, 1885 | Grantor: Drucilla Street, Robert and Mary Morgan Grantee: Mariel Johns Acreage: 41 A. Sum: \$1,000 Lot #1 of Henry Johns, deceased |
| 6. SWC 241/265 | May 5, 1936 | Grantor: D. Paul McNabb, W. Wylie Hopkins & wf. Annabelle Grantee: Einar Odegard Acreage: 4 A. 2 roods, 31 square perches being the same described in SWC 239/158 and SWC 218/502 |
| SWC 239/158 | Nov. 9, 1935 | Grantor: Richard Bode, unmarried Grantee: W. Wylie Hopkins and D. Paul McNabb Acreage: 4 A., 2 roods, 31 square perches. from SWC 218/502, DGW 186/57 |
| SWC 218/502 | April 18, 1931 | Grantor: Robert E. Forwood Grantee: Richard A. Bode Acreage: 4A, 2Roods, 31 Square perches |
| DGW 186/57 | Nov. 20, 1923 | Grantor: D. Paul McNabb and W. Worthington Hopkins Grantee: Robert E. and Josephine Forwood Sum: \$850. Acreage: 4A, 2 roods, 31 square perches |

See Title Search Continuation Sheet #3

TITLE SEARCH CONTINUATION SHEET #3

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| JAR 162/312 | Feb. 3, 1919 | Grantor: Hannah and J. Henry Thompson Grantee: W. Worthington Hopkins and D. Paul McNabb |
| JAR 134/355 | Nov. 29, 1911 | Grantor: John and Lettie Galbreath Grantee: Hannal E. Thompson Acreage: 4 A., 2 roods, 31 square perches Sum: \$400. parcel adjoining lands of W. Channell Heaps, Charles Folker, and John W. Galbreath. |



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Abandoned Log House HA-1607
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Phillip Lord October 1980

South elevation



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West foundation wall